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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS

REF: STATE 124719 AND 126216

1. ECONOFF DELIVERED SECRETARY'S SPEECHES TO ISA BA'BA, MFA DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND HIS DEPUTY ABDUL RAZZAK SHINIB MAY 31, AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM POINTS RAISED REFTELS. THESE ARE TOP MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS.

2. WHEN TOLD WE WERE INTERESTED IN RECONCILING DIFFERENCES WHICH EMERGED FROM APRIL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, MFA OFFICIALS INQUIRED IF THIS WERE CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION. ECONOFF STATED SOME ELEMENTS WERE CHANGED, BUT WE STILL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT LARGE PLENARY BODY IDEAL SETTING FOR DISCUSSION DETAILED COM-MODITY NEGOTIATIONS; SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS COULD ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE CONCENTRATING ON PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR COMMODITIES. WORK IN SOME FIELDS FAR ADVANCED, ON OTHERS NEGOTIATIONS JUST BEGINNING, COMMISSIONS COULD BENEFIT FROM WORK ALREADY DONE. LIMITED MEMBERSHIP COMMISSIONS WOULD ENHANCE THEIR OUTPUT AND PERMIT COUNTRIES WITH MORE INTEREST AND MORE EXPERTISE ON PAR-TICULAR COMMODITIES CONTRIBUTE VIEW ON MATTERS AFFECTING THEM
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MOST. BA'BA SAID DEVELOPED NATIONS HAD ALL TOO LONG TAKEN AD-

VANTAGE OF POORER COUNTRIES THROUGH ADVERSE RAW MATERIAL PRICING AND THAT LIBYA SUPPORTED MORE FAIRNESS THAN PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER PROVIDES.

3. ECONOFF STATED SECRETARY HAD MADE NEW SUGGESTIONS STRESSING DESIRE RECONCILIATION AND PROMOTION DIALOGUE BUT WE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHERS WHICH HAD SAME OBJECTIVES. BA'BA HOPED FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BUT QUESTIONED U.S. SINCERITY AT TIME MAKING THREATS MILITARY FORCE.

4. BA'BA SAID LIBYA'S INTEREST WAS IN RAISING COMMODITY PRICES AND PROMOTING STABILITY FOR RAW MATERIALS PRODUCED BY POORER COUNTRIES. LIBYA COULD BE EXPECTED TO TAKE LINE SIMILAR TO THAT OF ALGERIA ON MOST MATTERS RELATED THESE QUESTIONS. ECONOFF RESPONDED THAT BOTH INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BENEFIT FROM EXPENDED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENT. LIBYAN OFFICIALS AGREED.
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